

of the expenditure of those funds except if the municipality accepts property that is purchased with those dollars. For example, let's say you have a volunteer fire department and they go out and raise \$100,000 to buy a fire truck. The volunteer fire department, at least typically in my understanding, does not take title to that fire truck. They usually have the municipality take title to that fire truck. So in that instance, the municipality would have liability for that fire truck. There is also...there was also initially some concern by limiting liability in that fashion, whether we were doing anything to affect the protection that firefighters have under the Good Samaritan Act or under the Torts Claim Act and it isn't intended to do either one of those. There is no intention of the amendment to affect or to affect in any way those exemptions from liability. The second aspect of the amendment says that nothing contained in 516, because it gives broad authority to the volunteer fire department to spend these privately raised monies in any way that they see fit, nothing in that shall be deemed to permit a violation of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. For example, it doesn't permit absent, a special license, or other consideration, sale or purchase of beer on city property, for example. The final part of the amendment makes clear that if you are going to expend tax dollars for the benefit of a volunteer fire department that those expenditures have to be made through a claims process, just as the expenditure of any other tax dollars would have to be affected through the claims process. And, of course, a claim can be based on anything. It can be based on repairs that the volunteer fire department has paid for out of its separate funds, it might be being reimbursed. It might be a contract, for example, that the city has entered into with various parties for the delivery of services, that would be the subject matter of a claim, for example. But, anyway, when you are going to expend dollars from tax dollars, that those have to be properly accounted for in the claims process, and it doesn't add anything novel to the claims process. Whatever procedures are in place for a claims process are applicable. It just makes clear that that claims process is also applicable to the volunteer fire department. With that, I'd just simply ask your support for adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Discussion on the Wickersham amendment. Senator Vrtiska. Senator Cudaback, on the Wickersham amendment. Any discussion on the amendment by Senator Wickersham? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Wickersham. Waives closing. We will now vote on the Wickersham